

## TORY RELIEF BILL WOULD DOOM W. P. A.; CUTS MILLION JOBS, ENDS ART PROJECTS

### Teachers Sue to Stop Slash in School Fund

Temporary Writ Won as More Petitions Go to Gov. Lehman

While the Supreme Court was enjoining the Board of Education from acting on its crippled budget, the Board, at its meeting yesterday attended by more than 3,000 parents and teachers, unanimously called on Governor Lehman to convene a special session of the State Legislature to restore the Republican slashes in state aid to education.

The court action was undertaken by the New York Public School Kindergarten Association, to prevent the Board from putting through its curtailed program until the question of the state budget is settled.

Supreme Court Justice John F. Carew issued the writ. Assistant Corporation Counsel Frederick Bryan and Theodore F. Kuper, law secretary of the Board, objected and announced an appeal.

Meanwhile, 3,000 parents and teachers gathered at the Board to urge delay in action on the proposed budget.

With the city minus \$5,300,000 as a result of the Republican slashes, the Board plans to eliminate kindergartens, evening schools, adult education, community centers, and 1,000 teachers.

**ISAACS URGES DELAY**  
Borough President Stanley M. Isaacs, in an appeal to the Board to delay action, wired James Marshall, Board president:

"Trust drastic action proposed by Board of Education will not be taken at least until constitutionality of Albany budget cut is settled. There seems to me no emergency in connection with any of the proposed cuts except those involving summer activities. These could be financed if higher salaries administrative officials would accept same reductions in pay that others in city employ have accepted. Rank and file not involved. Strongly urge this solution to the summer problem and postponement of action on other cuts."

Dr. Bella V. Dodd, legislative representative of the State Federation of Teachers, said that similar wires had been sent by City Council President Newbold Morris, George Meany, president, State Federation of Labor, AFL, and Allan S. Hay-

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### State Charges Budget 'Errors' In Court Test

ALBANY, June 14 (UP).—The first phase of the court test of the \$393,000,000 Republican lump sum budget ended in the Appellate division of Supreme Court today with the administration charging the budget was marked by "glaring errors."

The administration's case challenging validity of the Republican budget, reducing Gov. Lehman's \$415,000,000 appropriation bill by approximately \$23,000,000 was given the five-member court shortly before 1 P. M.

Final rebuttal came after State Solicitor General Henry Epstein, representing Lehman, and Arthur A. Ballantine, representing the legislature, clashed on formulation of the budget.

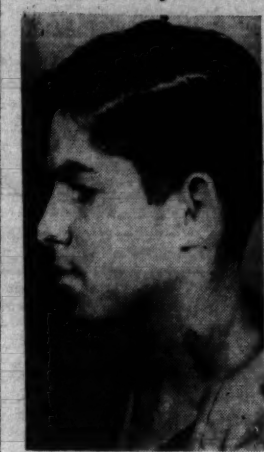
Completion of the case cleared the way for an appeal to the Court of Appeals, the State's highest tribunal early next week. The Appellate division decision was expected to be handed down tomorrow or Friday.

The administration charged that action of the Republican controlled legislature in substituting lump sums for line-by-line items violated the constitution.

The rebuttals lasted less than half an hour.

Epstein cited what he termed "glaring errors" and "defects" in the budget in his rebuttal.

### Branded By Nazis



MELVIN BRIDGES

### Baltimore Mayor Vows Probe of Nazis

Attorney Says State's Attorney Is Shielding 'Junior Bund'

BALTIMORE, Md., June 14.—Mayor Howard Jackson today instructed school officials to make a complete investigation of the Nazi "Junior Bund" attack on Melvin Bridges, 14-year-old Gwynne Falls high school student.

Mayor Jackson declared that if he was not satisfied with the investigation he would "take matters in my own hands."

Meanwhile Morton Rosen, 19-year-old seaman who came to the assistance of young Bridges, Jewish student, attacked by "Junior Nazi Bund" group last Friday, today told his attorney that two teachers were among the Nazi mob and that many of their assailants wore Nazi arm bands.

The charge against the teachers was made by the attorney, Ellis Levin, at a hearing before a police magistrate. Rosen, who befriended young Bridges, was the only person arrested in the fight. Later, however, 18 high school students were suspended when the Bridge boy's father revealed that the young Nazis carved the letter 'H' on the boy's throat.

Attorney Levin also charged that while States Attorney J. Bernard Wells was promising an investigation of the Nazi activity, said to be widespread in the city school system, he seemed more interested in prosecuting Rosen than in a real probe of the Bund activity.

Meanwhile, Dies Committee Chairman Martin L. Dies of Texas telephoned from Texas and informed city officials that a committee investigator would come here.

### City Library Group Hail MacLeish

The executive board of the staff association of the New York Public Library has telegraphed congratulations to Archibald MacLeish on his appointment as chief librarian of the Library of Congress. Telegrams endorsing the appointment were sent to President Roosevelt and to the Senate.

## Nazi Students Offend Maryland's Old Tradition of Religious Freedom

By Herbert Rosen

Almost three hundred years ago Lord Baltimore, the Catholic founder of Maryland, quashed a "blasphemy" trial against Dr. Jacob Lumbrozo, a Jew, because it conflicted with Maryland's traditions of civil and religious liberty.

Four days ago a band of youths in a Baltimore junior high school, who had succumbed to the democracy-hating incitation of the Father Coughlins, knifed the letter "H" into the neck of Melvin Bridge, a 14-year-old Jewish boy.

The action of Lord Baltimore was in line with the historic struggle of America for freedom of religious belief; the misdeed of the Baltimore rowdies, who boastfully inked swastikas on their arms, exemplifies the danger which hangs over American democracy today—fascism.

Dr. Lumbrozo not only was reinsured in his religious freedom, but he was granted full rights of citizenship, and five years afterwards we read that he was chosen to

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## U. S. Regulation of 6 Billion Telephone Industry Urged in Sweeping Report of Trust Evils by FCC

WASHINGTON, June 14 (UP).—The Federal Communications Commission today asked Congress to expand government regulation over the \$6,000,000,000 telephone industry.

The recommendation was the outgrowth of an F.C.C. inquiry under the direction of F.C.C. Commissioner Paul A. Walker.

The report to Congress today embraced

most of Walker's recommendations, but eliminated or toned down some of the more sweeping ones. Among those stricken out was one which would have given the F.C.C. veto power over the chief management units of the A. T. & T.

In 900 mimeographed pages, the investigators traced the history, development, mag-

nitude, and operating practices of the industry, with particular emphasis on the Bell system which is dominated by the A. T. & T. They held that the fact that \$30,000,000 had been cut from the bills of telephone subscribers, which they said resulted from the inquiry, justified the Congressional reference that the American people are

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### Flags Made in Japan, Flag Day Marchers Go Without in Pa.

JOHNSTOWN, Pa., June 14 (UP).—Volunteer firemen of nearby Conemaugh abandoned their plans to march today in Flag Day ceremonies with small American flags in the lapels of their uniforms. The reason—they couldn't find any lapel flags that were made in America.

Local stores had plenty of small flags that were "Made in Japan" and "Made in Germany" but none marked "Made in the United States."

So the firemen voted last night to march without wearing the lapel flags.

### Mayor Spikes False Story of New Tax Levy

Nails World-Telegram's Report of Increase to Finance Housing

Mayor LaGuardia branded as false a World-Telegram story yesterday—a story believed to have been inspired by Tammany Hall—stating that a series of new taxes on consumption were being prepared for presentation to the City Council to finance the city's share of the State's \$150,000,000 alum clearance program.

Alfred H. Rheinboldt, Chairman of the City Housing Authority, whom the World Telegram said "was expected to sponsor the tax program before the City Council" flatly denied he had any such plans in mind.

The Mayor pointed out that while the State Housing Law gave the city power to place additional taxes on theatre, baseball and football admissions, on telephone calls and other places of amusement to finance its share of the housing expense, there would be no need to impose any such taxes in 1939.

**AID FROM STATE**

The amount of the subsidy the city will get from the state appropriation will be \$166,000, he explained, and the city's share, an equal amount, can be absorbed by moneys collected through the current occupancy tax.

This fund will be designated to pay interest and amortization on housing bonds.

"We will not have to impose

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### Pulitzer Dies

Ralph Pulitzer, 60, one of the former owners of the New York World, died at the New York Medical Center yesterday.

### AFL Leaders' Greed Blocks Unity—Lewis

Places Blame for Peace Talk Failure on Wall and Rickert

(Daily Worker Washington Bureau)  
WASHINGTON, June 14.—John L. Lewis, President of the CIO, today placed on a small group of reactionary A. F. of L. leaders responsibility for the collapse of labor peace negotiations.

He said that the CIO executive board, which is now in session agreed unanimously that peace could not be achieved as long as the A. F. of L. "is still under the control of a small group of leaders, reactionary in their attitude toward public questions, and tolerant of the evils which exist in the A. F. of L."

"These leaders," he declared, have formed a "laissez-faire attitude toward the heads of the A. F. of L. and business and financial interests in an attempt to emasculate and destroy the CIO and bring about a crystallization of anti-New Deal sentiment on the country."

Lewis indicated at a press conference this evening that the CIO believed that the vested interests of two of the A. F. of L. peace negotiators, Thomas Rickert and Matthew Woll, made agreement impossible.

**BIG INCOME AT STAKE**

He said that he had told the CIO president convened at the board meeting that Rickert is a large beneficiary from advertising for the American Federationist, official organ of the A. F. of L.

"Rickert enjoys an income of \$20,000 a year which he knows would be forfeited if the CIO became part of the A. F. of L.," the CIO chief said.

This amount, Lewis said, was bequeathed to Rickert by John Morrison "who had a monopoly of advertising in the Federationist" in his will. Morrison, Lewis informed newspapermen left \$700,000 which he had accumulated from his advertising income. Lewis continued, was divided between Rickert and other A. F. of L. officials including President William Green and Secretary Frank Morrison (No relation to John Morrison).

Lewis remarked that Woll benefited from a large insurance business which depended largely on trade union business and that his

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### British Agent in USSR For Security Parley

(By Cable to the Daily Worker)  
MOSCOW, June 14.—William Strang, chief of the Central European Department of the British Foreign Office, arrived today for discussion of security proposals with the Soviet Union.

### Tear Gas at Milwaukee



Milwaukee County police and sheriffs clear the way for strike-breakers with a barrage of tear gas through 2,000 pickets outside the Allis-Chalmers plant where the United Automobile Workers is conducting a strike.

### Berlin Incites Danzig Tension, Poles Charge

Warsaw Envoy Notifies France of Anxiety at Nazi Troop Movements in Slovakia; Cites Concentrations on Polish Border

WARSAW, Poland, June 14 (UP).—Charges that Nazi Germany's propaganda leaders are responsible for recent disorders in the Free City of Danzig were made by the foreign office tonight shortly after a visit by German Ambassador Hans von Moltke. The Polish Political Information, which is the official mouthpiece of Foreign Minister Col. Josef Beck, made a bitter attack on Nazi propaganda activities in Danzig.

The attack was framed in answer to an accusation on Monday by the official organ of the German foreign ministry asserting that Poland is plotting the economic destruction of the Free City and warning the Poles that they are "steering a dangerous course."

The Nazi assertion that Danzig will be "ruined" if it remains within the Polish economic sphere of influence was denounced as "ridiculous."

**TO DECEIVE PEOPLE**

The Nazi statement, it was asserted, obviously was aimed at "deceiving international public opinion just as German public opinion already has been misled because it has no access to the foreign press or radio."

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### Senate Hearing On Neutrality Starts June 21

WASHINGTON, June 14 (UP).—The Senate Foreign Relations Committee today agreed to take up Neutrality law revision on June 21, while Senate Majority Leader Alben W. Barkley, D. Ky., sought to avert a filibuster by Republicans.

A host of bills, ranging from outright repeals to one by Chairman Key Pittman, D. Nev., embracing Secretary of State Cordell Hull's declaration of "neutrality principles," are before the committee.

The arms embargo group, including Senators Gerald P. Nye, R. N. D., Bennett C. Clark, D. Mo., Hiram W. Johnson, R. Calif., and other isolationists, has announced it will filibuster into mid-summer. Barkley who is driving for a sine die adjournment by July 15, is conferring daily with various Senators in an effort to coalesce their demands but reportedly is running into stolid opposition among the isolationists.

Pittman said that once discussions begin his committee will remain on the subject until it is disposed of. By that time the Senate probably will have received the Bloom Neutrality Bill from the House. It also embraces Hull's demands, which necessarily are those of President Roosevelt, and was approved by the House Foreign Affairs Committee yesterday.

### Bowers to Chile

WASHINGTON, June 14 (UP).—The Senate Foreign Relations Committee today approved the nomination of Claude G. Bowers of New York to be Ambassador to Chile.

### Tokio Tightens Its Blockade At Tientsin

Food Scarce, Tension Grows in British-French Area

TIENSIN, China, Thursday, June 15 (UP).—Danger of a clash during Japan's military blockade of the British and French concessions here increased today when Japanese were reported to be organizing a parade through the British area to an anti-British mass meeting.

The Japanese blockade, meanwhile, became tighter by the hour. Food supplies for the 110,000 residents of the two concessions, including 400 American civilians and 223 U. S. marines were reduced when Japanese troops at the barbed-wire barricades shut off the entry of all vegetables.

An American news reel photographer from San Francisco, Eric Mayell, was arrested when he sought to film the searches in the blockade, clamped down at 6 A. M. Wednesday.

Streets in the British and French concessions were deserted and commercial activity ceased as the Japanese sentries turned back swarms of Chinese workers attempting to get through the barricades to their jobs.

Everyone entering or leaving the concessions was subjected to search by Japanese soldiers. Britons, in particular, were singled out for special attention.

Japanese authorities rejected all suggestions for a conciliatory settlement of the blockade, which arose from a comparatively minor dispute involving the slaying on April 9 of

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### Townsmen Form 'Justice' Group In Child Slaying

SQUEHONING, Pa., June 14.—Townsmen in this coal-mining town organized themselves into a "justice committee" yesterday to press the prosecution of the State Police Corporal Benjamin Franklin for the slaying of little 14-year-old Joan Stevens.

After an autopsy revealed that the girl had been killed by eight bullets lodged in her body instead of six as had been supposed, it was reported that the committee would demand the appointment of a special prosecutor to investigate the death of the 87-pound girl.

The "justice committee" named James C. McReedy, an attorney from Summit Hill, to act as counsel for the girl's family at the Grand Jury hearings. Further investigation disclosed last night that Franklin was in plain clothes the night of the slaying.

### Republicans Hail 'Step Toward End Of Relief

Bill Introduced With Red-Baiting Tirade Upon Alliance

By Adam Lapin

(Daily Worker Washington Bureau)  
WASHINGTON, June 14.—One million project workers faced the loss of their jobs and the entire work relief program was threatened with virtual destruction as the House today began debate on the proposals of the Appropriations Committee for WPA during the fiscal year 1940.

The program of the Tory Democratic members of the committee for a \$1,447,000,000 appropriation hemmed in by drastic restrictions won the immediate approval of the Republican minority which recognized in the bill a long step toward their goal of completely eliminating work relief.

Although expressing preference for a state administered dole, the Republican minority on the com-

mittee commended the bill as "a great improvement over previous bills appropriating funds for relief of distress."

**THE BILL IN BRIEF**  
Some of the major provisions in the bill which came out of the Appropriations Subcommittee headed by Rep. Clifton Woodrum of Virginia are:

1. The number of jobs is cut from an average of 3,000,000 during the fiscal year 1939 to an average of 2,000,000 during the fiscal year 1940 with an average of only 1,500,000 left in June of 1940.
2. The Federal Arts Projects are eliminated as the result of a section banning all federal projects. Unless they can find local sponsors, which is considered unlikely in most cases all the arts projects will pass out of the picture with a loss of \$2,500 jobs.
3. A specific prohibition is placed on the Federal Theatre Project under all circumstances with a loss of 7,122 jobs of which 3,171 are in New York.
4. Construction projects are

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### Stage Unions Unite to Fight For Projects

Stunned by the report that the House Appropriations Committee proposed abolition of the entire theatre project, a delegation of the Federation of Arts Unions which unites 14 CIO and AFL organizations in theatre and art fields, yesterday went to Washington to demand that President William Green of the A. F. of L. take a stand on the issue.

Heading the delegation are John F. Casey of the stage hands and Edward Everett Hale from Actors Equity. Represented were all the leading unions of the A. F. of L. in the theatrical field.

Among the other AFL unions who will press Green to speak out against the WPA slash and abolition of the theatre projects, are also the American Federation of Actors, American Federation of Musicians, Local 802; Screen Actors Guild; Theatrical Managers, Agents and Treasurers Union, and the American Federation of Radio Artists.

The action of these A. F. of L. unions is particularly significant as reactionaries in Congress found much encouragement for their slash in Green's conspicuous silence.

The Actors Equity Council also decided to bring the matter before the New York Central Trades and Labor Council, and called a mass meeting of its membership on the issue.

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### Mayor's Flag Day Speech Condemns Race Hatreds

Assailing "people engaged in creating race hatreds" and "some people who seem to be able to display their patriotism only by the height of a flagpole and the size of a flag," Mayor LaGuardia officiated yesterday afternoon at two Flag Day celebrations, one at the Worlds Fair and the other at City Hall.

"The test of patriotism is not in the height of the pole or the size of the flag but in how deep it is embedded in the hearts of Americans," he told 3,000 persons gathered in the Court of Peace to witness the raising of the Stars and Stripes atop a permanent pole near the Lagoon of Nations.

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## Britain Tells Nazis to Withdraw Consul Linked To Arms Plant Spy Plot

### Bare Wide Nazi Ring Operating in France

Propaganda Directed from German Side of Frontier; Inhabitants of Arras Report Pamphlet Distribution in Province

LILLE, France, June 14 (UP).—French authorities tonight announced the discovery of widespread Nazi propaganda activities throughout the northern provinces, directed from the German side of the frontier.

The Nazi propaganda activities were said to have been brought to light when inhabitants of Arras, almost completely destroyed during the World War, reported to police that they had received pamphlets by mail glorifying Hitler, extolling Nazi Germany's "desire for peace," attacking Great Britain and condemning the "international press." The Arras pamphlets were printed in French and similar pamphlets in Polish were said to have been distributed among Polish miners in the Lens region. They were signed by Heinrich Kressemier, head of the Hamburg Fichte League, a well-known Nazi propaganda center. A number of Frenchmen were said to be under suspicion of helping distribute the pamphlets.

### Nazi Representatives in Palestine Are Told to Leave

LONDON, June 14 (UP).—Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain informed the House of Commons today that the Nazi government had been asked to withdraw Consul General Reinhardt from Liverpool. Chamberlain said Reinhardt had helped Joseph Kelly, a laborer, who was tried in the Manchester assizes on espionage charges, contact foreign agents to whom Kelly sold plans of the great government shell factory in Euxton, Lancashire. Kelly was alleged to have sold the plans to the Nazis for \$150.

**NAZI REPRESENTATIVES ASKED TO LEAVE PALESTINE**  
JERUSALEM, June 14 (UP).—Dr. Franz Reichert, chief representative in Palestine and Syria of the German News Agency, D.N.B., and his assistant, Adam Vollhardt, have been asked to leave Palestine by June 22, it was disclosed today.

It was learned the Nazi foreign office made representations in Berlin to the British Ambassador for reversal of the order but it was refused and the German government instructed the two men to proceed to Germany.

### Gestapo Drive On Anti-Nazi Czechs Pushed

Himmler Spreads Terror On Jews; Levies Fines; Resistance Grows

PRAGUE, June 14 (UP).—Heinrich Himmler, chief of the Nazi secret police, today intensified punitive measures against anti-Nazi elements.

Czechoslovak resistance to Nazi rule in Bohemia-Moravia is spreading. The Reich protector of Bohemia-Moravia, Baron Konstantin von Neurath, ordered a virtual state of martial law in Kladno, fined the population \$17,250, removed Czech officials and police for "neglect of duty" and set a 24 hours deadline for arrest of a Nazi policeman's killers. Although "further measures" were threatened, the deadline passed, was extended and again expired without further Nazi vengeance. [Czech sources revealed that Wilhelm Kniest, the slain policeman, was killed by a fellow Nazi during a drunken quarrel.]

[The Jewish population of Kladno will be forced to pay 80 per cent of the fine, while other patriotic Czech elements will pay the remainder, it was learned from Czech informants.]

An announcement said that Wenzel Hulinaky, a 42-year-old native of the town of Briek, was being hunted for the murder. Hulinaky was said to be a resident of Kosova Hora.

All newspapers were asked to publish descriptions of the suspect. Funeral services in the town of Nachod, northeast of Prague, for a Czech policeman, Jaroslav Mueller, who was slain over the week-end in a clash with Nazis, was held quietly today.

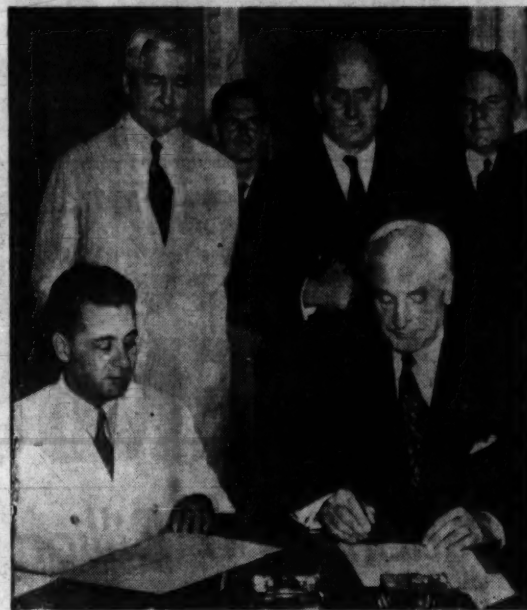
Mueller was to have been buried Tuesday but Nazi authorities ordered postponement of the services in fear that they might provoke new outbreaks.

As Himmler, one of Hitler's most trusted lieutenants and the man who was sent to Austria to "restore order" after the Nazi annexation in March, 1938, conferred in Prague fear among the Czech Jewish population increased.

Several new anti-Jewish decrees have been published in recent days and the largest synagogue of the Jewish cultural organization at Mahrtsch-Ostrau, on the northern frontier of Bohemia-Moravia near Poland, was burned today.

It was the second synagogue burned in Mahrtsch-Ostrau in 48 hours and the fifth in Bohemia-Moravia in recent days.

### A Good-Neighbor Gives Aid



SECRETARY OF STATE HULL and Jose Felix Estigarribia, president-elect of Paraguay, signing an agreement in Washington which extends substantial financial credits by the United States to its South American neighbor. The credits will be provided through the Export-Import Bank. Standing left to right are Jesse James, RFC Chairman; Treasurer-Secretary Morgenthau, and W. L. Pierson, president of the Export-Import Bank.

## Mayor's Flag Day Speech Condemns Race Hatreds

It's Not the Height of the Pole Nor the Size of the Flag, but How Deep the Ideal Is Embedded In Hearts, He Says at Ceremony

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that a special U. S. flag be flown from a place higher than the World's Fair Soviet Pavilion. He extended his criticism to take in those who attacked his speech at the opening of the Soviet exhibit which reminded critics of the Russian revolution that American Democracy was born in a "bloody revolution."

"These exercises are held under the auspices of the Sons of the Revolution," he told the City Hall Flag Day gathering. "I cannot think what some of my critical friends will say about this."

"A few days ago I reminded them that we came into being through a revolution. Some people who are engaged in creating hatreds criticized the Mayor for saying we had a revolution in this country. I am proud of that revolution. I am proud that one of my ancestors discovered this country to furnish a battlefield for your ancestors."

**SYMBOL OF A NEW IDEA**  
Speaking at the World's Fair ceremonies, the Mayor said:

"I accept with great gratitude the custody of the flagpoles and the flags just presented to the City of New York by Grover Whalen, President of the World's Fair of 1939. I can assure you, Mr. Whalen, that the poles will be carefully preserved and the flags zealously protected and we will deliver these flags, perhaps with greater significance, to our successors."

"Since men have gathered together they have always had some person to symbolize their purpose and association. Whether America should have such a person was a matter of long debate in the Constitutional Convention."

"Out of that debate a new form of government was created as near perfect as imperfect human beings could create. At that moment the flag became the symbol of that government. The flag of our country symbolizes it in every way."

**THE REAL TEST**  
"Some people do not yet appreciate the symbol of our democracy. It serves as an inspiration of all oppressed people. And I hope we will continue the leadership in that spirit and by our progress and prosperity overcome the temporary tendency now leading to totalitarian states. We want peace and happiness for all the people."

He pointed out that Park Commissioner Robert Moses had presented him plans to make a public park out of the World's Fair grounds and that the two new flagpoles, one flying the national emblem and the other the City flag would stand in the center of the park. He concluded:

"Talking about the height of flagpoles, some people seem to be able

to display their patriotism only by the height of a flagpole and the size of a flag."

"The test of patriotism is not the height of the pole or the size of the flag but in how deep it is embedded in the hearts of Americans. The test of our devotion is not in lip service but in actual conduct in seeking to impose conditions to demonstrate the success of democracy."

"The Mayor then stepped down from the platform and, with baton in hand, led the combined bands of the Police, Fire and Park Departments in the Marine Corps march, Semper Paratus."

**WHALEN HITS CRITICS**  
Grover Whalen, in presenting the flags to the city, expressed distaste for irresponsible criticism launched against the Soviet Pavilion.

"Around us fly the flags of 60 odd nations," he said. "We are proud that they too reach to the sky. Only the American tradition could have attracted such large foreign participation."

Pointing out that many of the foreign nations participating in the Fair—particularly those of Europe—gave this country its finest stock, Mr. Whalen called the United States a "Congress of Nationalities" and said the Fair bore the "LaGuardia imprint."

"The flags are flown here not in a spirit of rivalry but in friendly cooperation," he added. "We would be small, indeed, if we would deprive these nations of that right."

Speaking at the Sons of the Revolution ceremonies at City Hall, LaGuardia urged the people to "forget party lines and work for the country alone."

"We can best honor our flag," he told the descendants of American revolutionists, "by opposing racial and religious hatreds, by working for the best interests of the greatest number, by giving every family an opportunity to live decently in proper sanitary dwellings, by assuring proper nourishment to all the people."

"By solving our problems at home we will not only show the entire world that hatred is not necessary, but that war is not necessary and that people can live together in democracy."

### Chinese Students Strike Over Pro-Tokyo Principal

(By Cable to the Daily Worker)  
HONG KONG, June 14.—A strike of 150 Chinese students at one of the local English schools was under way today in protest against the appointment of a pro-Japanese traitor to the post of principal.

## Green Tries to Split The Latin-American Labor Movement

By William Z. Foster

In their proposed conference of the Pan-American Federation of Labor to be held in Havana probably early in 1940, the immediate aim of the A. F. of L. leaders is to extend their war against the CIO throughout the two American continents by splitting the Latin

American Confederation of Workers, which was formed in Mexico City last year in a congress that was attended by John L. Lewis in a fraternal capacity. The broad political significance of the A. F. of L.'s split move is an attempt to provide the reactionary enemies of President Roosevelt's Good Neighbor policy with a labor basis throughout Latin America and to cripple the quickly growing people's front movement (and, of course, the expanding Communist Parties) in these countries.

The A. F. of L. has not a shred of progressive justification for resurrecting the Pan-American Federation of Labor, which has not held a conference since 1927, and injecting it into the Latin American labor situation. The Latin American workers, who are rapidly building powerful trade union movements in many countries, have, in their new Confederation, laid the basis for genuine labor unity. All the mass unions of Latin America—including those of Mexico, Chile, Cuba, Argentina, Colombia and Uruguay, totaling at least 2,500,000 members, are either directly affiliated to the Confederation or are immediately within the orbit of its influence. The foundation of the Latin American Confederation of Workers was one of the most important steps taken towards real unity by world labor for many years past.

The Pan-American Federation of Labor on the other hand, has no mass following whatever in Latin America, nor has it any progressive function to perform there. The workers hate it because of the noisome record it made under Comptons as an apologist and cover-up in Latin America for the imperialist exploitation and tyrannies of the Coolidge and Hoover regimes. V. L. Toledano, General Secretary of the Latin American Confederation of Workers, correctly expresses the opinion of the masses in the Latin American countries when he denounces the digging up of the corpse of the P. F. of L. as work "in the service of the imperialists." All the P. F. of L. can hope for in Latin America in the way of support is the collaboration of a few corrupt and discredited labor fakers such as Morones of Mexico, plus the assistance of reactionary politicians in the countries dominated by dictators and generally the cooperation of fascists and other enemies of the Good Neighbor policy and the people's democratic movements. Thus, the P. F. of L., Green can give it a semblance of life, will be a disruptive, reactionary force in Latin America, one that brings aid to nobody but the enemies of the people.

To achieve unity of all the labor movements of the three Americas is absolutely necessary to the progress of the developing anti-fascist, anti-war democratic front on a hemisphere scale. But the launching of the Pan-American Federation of Labor, which is a stench in the nostrils of Latin American workers, can only hinder such trade union unity. The way to inter-continental labor unity may be indicated as follows: first, the Latin American workers should rally solidly around their present Latin American Confederation of Workers; second, collaboration between them and the workers in the countries of the north should be achieved by the Confederation exchanging fraternal delegates with the A. F. of L., CIO and Canadian Trades Congress at their respective conventions; third, only when the A. F. of L. and CIO have healed their split, or at least agreed upon a joint program of democratic collaboration with the Latin American workers, will the basis be at hand for the establishment of a great federation of labor to include all the labor movements of North, Central and South America.

There is no place for the Pan-American Federation of Labor in the progressive development of Latin American labor solidarity. The day is past when a handful of A. F. of L. bureaucrats can dominate and demoralize the Latin American labor movement. The holding

of the proposed P. F. of L. conference should be vigorously opposed. The militant stand of Toledano against the conference must be fully supported, not only by the organized workers of Latin America, but especially by those of the United States. And if in spite of these protests the splitters Green, Woll, Hutcheson & Co. dare to go ahead with their P. F. of L. conference it should be actively boycotted by the unions of Latin America, Canada and the United States. Under no circumstance should the A. F. of L. reactionaries be allowed to extend their split across the Rio Grande.

There is talk that Green and his cronies may attempt to secure the assistance of reactionary leaders of the Amsterdam International—to which body many Latin American unions are affiliated—in an effort to cajole or drag some of these unions into the Pan-American Federation of Labor. Workers everywhere in the Americas, therefore, should be on guard against any such possible maneuver by the Amsterdam International. The solidarity of the Latin American workers, plus the support of progressive labor in the United States, can and must defeat any attempt to re-establish the Pan-American Federation of Labor, regardless of from what quarter it comes.

The A. F. of L. effort to revive the Pan-American Federation of Labor emphasizes afresh the great danger involved in the A. F. of L.-CIO split, which was caused originally and is now being fostered by Green and Co. The split has become predominantly political in character, and its pernicious effects are international in scope. If the split is not soon healed it may well be the cause of disorganizing the workers and other tollers' votes sufficiently to throw the 1940 elections in this country to the Republicans. Such a defeat would destroy the progressive role of the United States government everywhere. It would be a disaster to the cause of democracy and progress in the United States and a serious setback to the struggle against fascism and war throughout Latin America and the world.

In view of these grave political dangers inherent in the split it is high time, therefore, that the workers and progressives of the United States understand and deal with the A. F. of L.-CIO split in its true light. It is by no means merely a trade union question, but a political issue of great national and international importance. New Deal elements of the A. F. of L., together with the CIO, which is New Deal as a whole, rising above all factional attitudes and working fraternally together, should demand that an end be put to the split, in the name of the political future of the country as well as of the immediate interests of trade unionism. At least 95 per cent of organized labor will support such a unity demand. Labor Tories who are consciously playing the game of the Republicans must not be allowed to turn the United States over to the reactionaries by continuing this suicidal split. There must be an end made once and for all to the present needless and dangerous division in the workers' ranks, a division which injures the progressive cause on every front, and of which the A. F. of L. leaders' attempt to disrupt the labor movement of Latin America is only one more shameful manifestation.

### Hopes of Lifting Squalus Sub By July 1 Fade

PORTSMOUTH, N. H., June 14 (UP).—Hopes of bringing the sunken submarine, Squalus and its 26 dead to the surface by July 1 faded today.

Divers attempting to tunnel beneath the submarine with a compressed air hose have met an obstruction and are having difficulty in piercing it, navy officials said.



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## FDR Gets Data From Envoy on Tokio Incident

Grew Tells of Blockade; U. S. Studies Crisis Developments

WASHINGTON, June 14 (UP).—Joseph C. Grew, United States Ambassador to Tokio, gave President Roosevelt a review of the Far Eastern crisis today while State Department officials watched closely the situation caused by the Japanese blockade of the British and French concessions at Tientsin.

Grew was to have conferred with the Chief Executive yesterday. Instead, he was in almost constant touch with Secretary of State Cordell Hull whose Far Eastern representatives kept him abreast of developments at Tientsin.

Hull said at a press conference today that U. S. diplomatic representatives would do anything within reason to aid a settlement.

Hull said that there is nothing to indicate American interests or nationals in the Tientsin area are in immediate danger. He added that his representatives were prepared to establish reasonable protection should United States rights be affected.

Four ships of the Asiatic squadron are at Chinwangtao, 200 miles from Tientsin. They are the converted yacht Isabella, the light cruiser Marchessault, the heavy cruiser Augusta, flagship of Rear Admiral Harry E. Yarnell, squadron commander, and the Pecos, a small gunboat.

## Tokio Tightens Its Blockade At Tientsin

(Continued from Page 1)

A Chinese inspector of the Japanese-dominated Tientsin Customs. The Japanese were understood to have rejected a British proposal for a three-man conciliation tribunal to decide whether four Chinese accused of assassinating the customs official should be turned over to the Japanese.

A Japanese foreign office spokesman in Tokio admitted that the assassination dispute had become relatively unimportant and that the issue at stake was whether the British intended to "hamper" Japan's China policies.

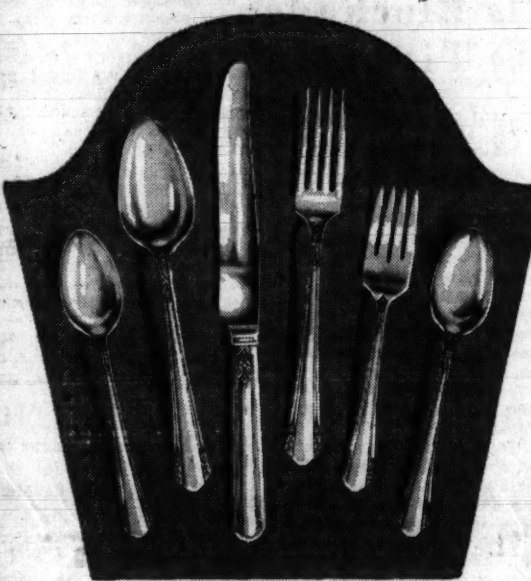
**CHUNKING, China, Thursday, June 15 (UP).**—Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Chung-hui said today that Japan's blockade of the British and French concessions in Tientsin is designed to "find out how far Japan can go in carrying out a policy of seizing all the foreign settlements in China."

He called on the foreign powers to "call Japan's bluff" by a collective boycott of Japanese goods "instead of allowing their rights to be trampled upon by a nation nearing exhaustion."

"If Japan does not even respect the rights and interests of her partners in the anti-Comintern pact (Germany and Italy) and also is able to attain her objectives through gangster methods, then the future position of the powers in the territory under Japanese jurisdiction is dark indeed," he

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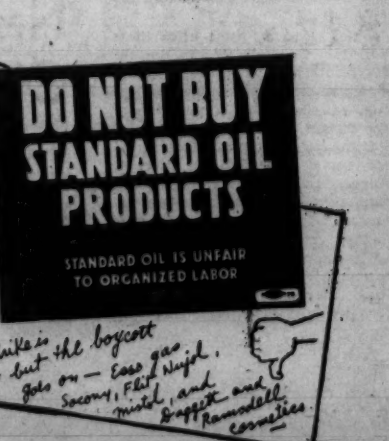
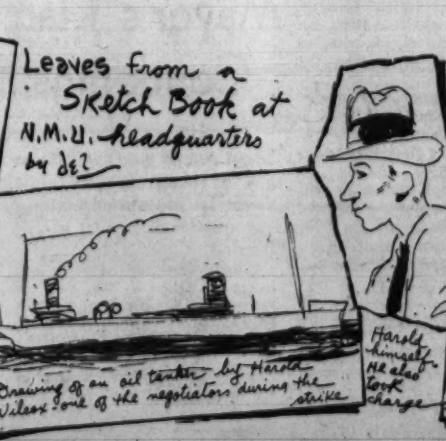
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# Sentiment for CIO Organization Rises Rapidly in Jersey City

## Mass Meeting On June 27 to Hear Leaders

Many Ask Union Aid Since High Court Rapped Hague

(Special to the Daily Worker)  
NEWARK, June 14.—Sentiment for CIO organization in northern New Jersey took a sudden spurt upward in the week since the Supreme Court laid the law down to Boss Frank Hague, William J. Carney, regional CIO director, said today.

"There is no doubt about the sentiment," Carney said. "Requests for organization are flooding our offices and the CIO unions of New Jersey are certainly going to cooperate to take full advantage of the situation."

Meanwhile at the newly opened Jersey City headquarters of the CIO, at 572 Grand St., a committee appointed by Carney met tonight to complete arrangements for the Pershing Field mass meeting on June 27.

That meeting to be addressed by national leaders of the CIO, planned to be the largest the CIO ever staged in New Jersey, will send the organization drive to a flying pace.

### NATIONAL SPEAKERS

Speakers already scheduled, include John Brophy, national director of the CIO; Philip Murray, vice-president of the CIO and Haywood Brown, president of the American Newspaper Guild. Carney, whom Hague warned to stay out of his domain, will be chairman.

The first union to come out with placards on a Jersey City picket line in the 25 years that such practice was banned by Boss Hague is Local 190, Journeymen Tailors' Union of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers, CIO. The strike, now in progress for two weeks, is at Stanley Blaski, 315 Van Winkle Ave.

The union placed five and six pickets in front of the store, as against two that had at best been permitted under Hague rule.

Jersey City Chief of Police Harry W. Walsh, frankly admitted that these are the first placards on a picket line in 25 years.

"Hundreds of letters have been pouring into our office since the Supreme Court decision," said Leonard Goldsmith, executive secretary of the New Jersey Industrial Council.

"Most of the letters are from people in various plants asking for organizers. We are getting a stream of visitors from all sorts of unorganized plants. Our offices here and in Jersey City are again as they were in the 1917 hey-days, shortly before Hague invoked his reign of terror."

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Many of the requests for organization, Goldsmith said, come from the Harbor Side Building, the "mecca of run-away shops," where all sorts of factories employing nearly 15,000 workers are located.

The delegations asking for CIO aid are revealing conditions in certain spots that are far worse than even the generally known sweatshop standards in Jersey City, Goldsmith said. In one case a woman showed a pay envelope of \$4.40 for 60 hours work. At another plant, which the CIO is taking before the Wage-Hour administrator, workers have not received any wages.

"In our loads of mail there are also some letters from Coughlinites and Nazis," Goldsmith said. "They warn us to stay out of Jersey, they rave against Jews and call Carney a 'renegade Catholic.'"

"But that's just a lot of screwball mail and goes right into the waste basket."

**Betsy Ross Tomb Is Scene of Flag Day Ceremony**  
PHILADELPHIA, June 14 (UP).—Ceremonies at the grave of Betsy Ross, nimble-fingered steamstress who stitched the first stars and stripes, today opened celebration of flag day in Philadelphia, birthplace of the American flag.

## ILGWU Local Begins Distribution of \$125,000 in Vacation Benefits Today

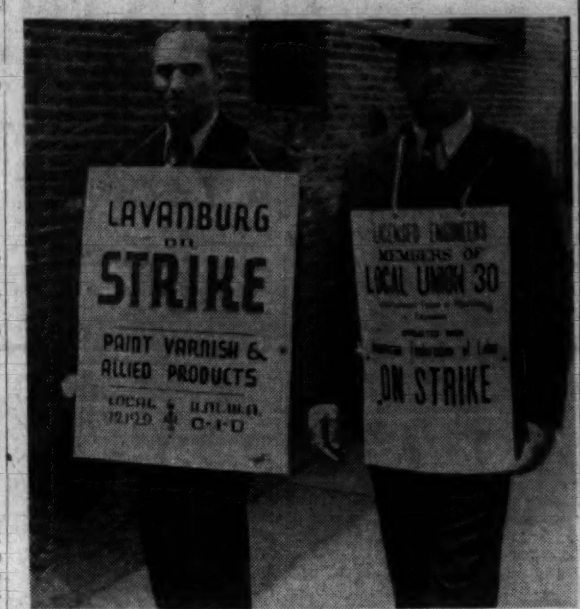
Distribution of \$125,000 in vacation benefit payments begins today at the headquarters of Local 91 International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union, 932 Broadway.

More than 7,000 children's dress-makers will each receive the sum of \$17 from the union.

An unusual feature of the disbursement will be the payment of full benefits to unemployed members.

Harry Greenberg, union manager, who is also a vice-president of the ILGWU, has called the Local 91 plan "a significant precedent for the labor movement of America, and one which will undoubtedly be em-

## AFL and CIO Picket Jointly



AN AFL AND CIO PICKET LINE at the Fred L. Lavanburg color workers, Brooklyn, where Local 121259 of District 60, United Mine Workers of America and Local 30, International Union of Operating Engineers are conducting a strike. The unions seek recognition, improvement in conditions and reinstatement of 11 workers fired for union activity.

## It Happens In Queens

By Paul Crosbie

Queens County Communist Candidate for City Council

The people of Queens are happy over the new low cost, public financed housing that is going up in our borough. The Queensbridge project has provided work for hundreds of workmen who in turn have been good customers for our merchants, as well as soon to provide modern housing at low rent for families that now are forced to live in slums. Another Federal housing project will soon be started in the Negro section of South Jamaica, and a Community Health Center is already under way in Corona.

The one vociferous opponent of these necessary public improvements is our flag waving Borough President who seems to feel that such public housing may reduce the profits that his real estate friends gain from slum dwellings. In County leader Warren B. Ashmead, Councilman John Christensen and George U. Harvey, the Republican Party in Queens is heavily handicapped. In its rank and file membership, the Party in Queens numbers many good and progressive citizens, both Negro and white who don't yet realize that the present party betrays every precept of its first great leader, Abraham Lincoln.

I was shocked a few days ago when I went to Washington, D. C. with a delegation to deliver to Congressmen Joseph Gurnea and Wagner-Gavegan Van Nuys anti-lynching bill. It was well after time for us to eat. We were hungry, we had money to pay for food and there were restaurant keepers with food to sell. What were Negroes on our delegation. There in my Nation's Capital I and my American citizen friends could not eat together except in certain places because they "were persons of color." After lunch we walked past the United States Supreme Court Building and saw emblazoned in stone the words "Equality for All."

As we walked along we agreed that what American needs is to give life to these slogans of democracy. When that is done, we shall have created a socialist society. Here and now there is important work to be done in defense of democracy. The Communist Party is small but it has already done much and much more is to be done.

What is necessary? 1) Full unity of the Jewish people; 2) the Jews should become a part of the broad democratic front of Protestants, Catholics and Jews, and involving trade unions, fraternal organizations, churches, farms, Negroes, youth and women's organizations.

Our country is in danger. All real Americans must rally to its defense against the reactionaries and fascists.

## Manhattan Review

By Israel Amter

New York County Communist Candidate for City Council

Every reactionary and fascist-minded person today spouts Americanism. Hoover, Coughlin, Pelley, Moseley, Hearst, speak against all Jews. But at the same time these fascist-minded people are open anti-Semites.

Anti-Semitism has gone beyond the mere propaganda stage. Just like "white superiority" in the South has been not only a slogan but a direct lynch campaign against the Negroes, so too anti-Semitism is taking on an "action" form more and more.

Thus on Tuesday we read in the papers about a school boy in Baltimore being branded with an "H," indicating Hebrew, by a group of Nazi-inspired students. In New York City some time ago a Jew was set upon and beaten up by Nazi agents. Only a few days ago a Jew was stabbed by a Coughlinite. At Times Square, in the Bronx and in Brooklyn, sellers of magazines and literature exposing the fascist and anti-Semitic Coughlin have been cut upon by members of the German Bund and Coughlinites.

This is the result of Nazi and fascist propaganda in the United States, aiming to set one group against another and prevent the preservation of democracy and progress in our country.

As against this, we note with pleasure the declaration of 65 prominent Catholics in the United States who are determined to fight anti-Semitism; as well as the statement of the Grand Lodge of the Sons of Italy that they, too, have embarked on a campaign against anti-Semitism. Certainly these actions are more in keeping with real Americanism. They agree with the position of Bishop O'Hara of the Atlanta-Savannah Diocese of the Roman Catholic Church after he had read a leaflet of the KKK calling for a "white, Protestant America."

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## Hearst Uses Anti-Semitism To Fight Guild

Attack on Jewish Strike Leaders in Poem Gets Immediate Protest

CHICAGO, June 14.—The Hearst management, through the company unions working in its interests, has resorted to anti-Semitism to fight the Chicago Newspaper Guild's six-month-old strike against the Chicago Evening American and Herald & Examiner.

Singling out four Jewish strike leaders and a striking office boy as central characters for a scurrilous doggerel appearing in a tabloid issued by the scab unions, Hearst and his minions have again succeeded in rousing the Chicago populace to the side of the strikers. Gentiles, even more than Jews, have been aroused by the "poetry" which, incidentally, appeared over the signature "F. T." often used by Rev. Irwin St. John Tucker (who likes to be known as Priar Tuck) as a signature for his poems. Tucker is an Episcopal minister who augments his ecclesiastical income by strikebreaking on the Herald & Examiner copydesk.

Various Jewish societies and organizations meeting over the week-end were so aroused by the appearance of the doggerel that they started laying plans to bring to the attention of the people of America this newest evidence of the crude and un-American tactics employed by the Hearst management in fighting the Guild.

## Lower Harlem C.P. Launches Amter Drive

Election Council to Be Installed Today; Many Greetings Sent

Lower Harlem section of the Communist Party is launching the campaign for the election of Israel Amter to City Council amid great enthusiasm and interest on the part of the people of the community.

Workers, professionals and business men are enthusiastically greeting the candidacy of Amter through the souvenir that the lower Harlem section issued in connection with the launching of the campaign and the formal installation of the newly election assembly council in the 17th A.D.

There are greetings from numerous business places such as the Rivera of the Central Market, the National Restaurant and many others as well as from numerous individuals.

The launching of the campaign takes place tonight at 8 P.M. at Park Palace, 5 W. 110th St. Amter is the main speaker.

James W. Ford, executive secretary of the Harlem Division, will officially install the Section Assembly Council. Jose Santiago, executive secretary of the 17th A.D. Communist Party will speak. Mario Lamar will preside. Admission is free.

## Conn. Mayor Asks Baldwin to Veto Highway Toll

NORWALK, Conn., June 14 (UP).—Mayor Frank T. Stack today appealed to Gov. Baldwin to veto the bill establishing a 10-cent toll on the Super-Merritt Parkway.

The Mayor sent a telegram to the governor after the common Council voted unanimously to authorize him to take the action. His protest followed by a few days that of Greenwich first selectman Eugene Loughlin, who also asked the governor to kill the toll bill.

Revenue from the tolls would be used to finance extension of the Merritt Parkway into the Wilbur L. Cross upstate highway to Hartford.

Meanwhile, at Hartford, State Highway Commissioner William J. Cox announced he would be ready within a week of the signing of the toll bill to collect the fees at a Greenwich station. Another toll station would be set up at Milford when the road was completed at that point.

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## Calif. Assembly Defeats Health Insurance Bill

SACRAMENTO, Calif., June 14 (UP).—A state system of compulsory health insurance, supported by Gov. Culbert L. Olson and opposed by the State Medical Association, was defeated by the California Assembly last night, 48 to 20.

The bill provided for a program estimated to cost \$60,000,000 a year for medical benefits and hospitalization for employees earning less than \$3,000 annually. Compulsory employee and employer contributions would have financed the plan.

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## ILD Will Fight Conviction In B'klyn 'Scottsboro Case'

Judge to Pass Sentence on Negro Youth Found Guilty by All-White Jury on Assault Charge; Many Defended Youth

The sentence in Brooklyn's "Scottsboro case," involving a Negro youth who went on trial before Judge G. H. Nye on June 7 in Part 6, Special Sessions Court of Kings County, on a charge of "rape," will be announced this week, probably Friday, the International Labor Defense said yesterday. The John Williams Defense Committee of the ILD is handling the young man's defense, Samuel A. Neuberger, of the ILD legal staff, being chief counsel.

## Black Hand Gang Seen in Death Ring

Remnants of Italian Mafia Directed Killings Here, Police Believe

PHILADELPHIA, June 14 (UP).—The Philadelphia mass-murder-for-insurance syndicate may have been directed on a nation-wide scale by remnants of the Italian Mafia, investigators said today.

Homicide squad detectives pointed out that much of the evidence of wifemurder and cunning methods of the arsenic merchants of death now established as fact was discounted originally.

Remnants of the Mafia, or Black Hand, once powerful underworld organization still exists, detectives said. Cesare Valenti, alleged killer, and other members of the ring blamed for more than 100 deaths were former black-handers.

A Philadelphia woman has been held in connection with the poisoning of a WPA worker at Montgomery, La., and deaths in New York, Connecticut and Delaware were surrounded by circumstances similar to methods employed by the Philadelphia killers. That gave rise to the theory that many may have been directed by a central authority, either here or in a foreign country.

"We can find no other answer," Capt. James Kelly of the homicide squad, said.

## Father, Son, Grandson Are Killed in Crash

IOLA, Kan., June 14 (UP).—Q. D. McClure, Don McClure and Philip McClure, father, son and grandson, were killed enroute to a family picnic yesterday when their car collided with a train.

Williams was found "guilty" by an all-white jury.

John Williams, who had lived and worked in the Bensonhurst section of Brooklyn for more than five years and was well liked as honest and hardworking, according to testimony at the trial, was arrested Dec. 29, 1936, when "rape" charges were brought against him by Irene Richards, a maid in the home of J. Roth, whose services Williams had recently left.

The young woman's cry of "rape" was not raised until three weeks after the alleged crime had been committed. Williams was not indicted until 78 days later and had been held in the Raymond St. Jail, Brooklyn, until put on trial last week.

It was brought out at the trial that Miss Richards and Williams knew each other intimately for four years and had seen each other during this period practically every day. In her testimony at the trial, however, she swore that she had been "afraid" of the youth.

When pressed for her reason as to why she had been afraid of a man she had known and seen daily for years, she asserted that she was "afraid of all Negroes."

Six of the most respectable housewives of the neighborhood testified at the trial that John Williams had done odd jobs for them regularly for nearly six years and that he had shown himself to be of exemplary character and wholly trustworthy.

In the intervening period since the alleged attack, the youth continued to live and work in the neighborhood, still being seen by the girl who later brought the charge of "rape" against him and by her employer, Mrs. Roth.

In reply to the question why charges had not been brought for 21 days after the supposed attack, Mrs. Roth, hesitating for a moment, asserted that she wished to avoid unpleasantness in the newspaper. In addition to the six housewives already mentioned, there has been a large number of other persons, Negro and white, to testify to the good character of the accused.

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# Cacchione to Present Lehman B'klyn Protests On School Cuts

## Thousands Sign C.P. Petitions; Demand Special State Session

People in East New York, Brownsville Stand in Line to Sign Petitions; Communist Branches Win Big Response; Voters of All Parties Demand Halt

By George Morris

Next Monday, Peter Cacchione, Kings County Chairman of the Communist Party and candidate for the City Council, will present to Governor Lehman petitions with approximately 25,000—perhaps 50,000—names, protesting the slash in school funds by the Republican-controlled state legislature.

The Communist Brooklyn petition is one of a number of similar ones being sponsored in the city, by teachers, parent and other civic groups.

The 25,000 signatures, gotten up in less than 10 days, is a test of sentiment on how the state's most populous county stands on the issue.

Behind this test of sentiment and SOS call to the people, is the prompt response of the members of Brooklyn's Communist units.

Republican, Democratic, Communist and Socialist voters unhesitatingly placed their names on the petitions. The fact that Cacchione's picture is upon it and that he, in behalf of the Communist Party sponsors the petition, did not bother any of the signers. The issue today stood above party lines and prejudices.

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"In Brooklyn these slashes mean, says the petition:

- (1) Abolition of all kindergarten classes.
- (2) Abolition of all American citizenship classes.
- (3) Overcrowding of class rooms.
- (4) Closing down of evening schools.
- (5) Curtailment of community centers and playground services.
- (6) Dismissals of hundreds of teachers.

"Therefore," continued the petition, "we urge you to call a special session of the state legislature to restore your original budget proposals."

But if you really want to know how the people feel about the issue talk to the organizers of Brooklyn Communist branches. For example, those of the Brownsville and East New York Assembly Districts.

Hyman Rappaport, organizer of Branch 11, East New York, said one signer told him his "whole family is affected by the cut."

"His aunt studies in a citizenship class; a sister goes to night school; he takes good advantage of the playground and community center service; two kids go to public school and the smallest in the family, not old

enough to go to school yet, may have no kindergarten to go to."

Rappaport's branch, centered in an Italian-Polish area, has met with a good response. He personally filled out two petitions of 30 names upon each, at an open air meeting last Thursday.

Branch 3 of East New York, of which Helen Jackler is organizer, has already turned in petitions with over 1,000 signatures and most are still outstanding.

Following a discussion in the branch on Tuesday June 6 on what the \$100,000 school fund slash means, each of the members received two petitions. On Friday night tables were set up at the corners of Pennsylvania and Sutter Avenues. While one of the members shouted appeals on the issue, passers by stood in line to sign.

Housewives of the branch took the petitions to the Blake Avenue Market on Thursday, busy shopping day. Jackler's members tell all sorts of stories of how well the petition was received.

"I and another guy ought to kick ourselves in the pants," said one youth who signed. "We voted Republican."

An aged Jewish woman who signed the petition on Friday night said to Jackler:

"I never wrote on Friday night before, but I guess it will be alright."

Orthodox Jews do not write Friday night, the start of Sabbath.

**NEGRO FEEL CUTS KEENLY**

The Frederick Douglass branch, meeting in a Brownsville Negro district, at 361 Osborn St., also turned in about 1,000 names after several days work.

Organizer Sheila Katz, said most of them were obtained at a table set up outside the branch headquarters. The Negro people were ready signers and understood how keenly they will feel the school slash.

Abe Kolb, organizer of Branch 5 of Brownsville, said he personally filled out two petitions canvassing two apartment buildings and two others at his Amalgamated Clothing Workers local.

"Everybody signs," he said.



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"Even if they oppose the Communist Party, they sign anyway. In the apartment house two people asked me why it is that the Communists initiate such a petition, and why Republicans or Democrats don't."

"They were obviously opposed to us, but they signed the petition. I had certain members in my union tell me that although they don't agree with Cacchione on a lot of things, they are signing."

Carl Vedro, Kings County election campaign manager of the Communist Party, said that the Party's school petition served to a considerable degree to initiate election interest on the basis of genuine issues, and aroused the people against those who were so liberal with promises before last election.

"Besides," he added, "it has served to show the people of Brooklyn the sort of things that Cacchione stands for as against the such types as reactionary Republican Abner Surplus, the man who took the council seat that rightfully belonged to Cacchione."

"It shows that we Communists are trying to uphold our school system, democracy's greatest institution, while those who shout slanders against us are guilty of subversive efforts to undermine our educational work."

**U S Regulation Of Telephone Industry Urged**

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entitled to "know if they are being overcharged for this service even though they may be satisfied with the service."

The report recommended that the 1934 communications law be amended to:

1. Authorize the F.C.C. to prescribe basic cost accounting methods to be adopted by manufacturing companies under contract with the Bell System. This would enable the F.C.C. to determine if equipment prices are reasonable.

2. Make mandatory instead of optional applications for consolidations of telephone companies.

3. Require F.C.C. approval of acquisitions of the stock of one company by another for purposes of gaining control.

4. Authorize the commission to order the exchange of patent rights upon payment of reasonable compensation to the holder when required by public interest.

5. Issuance of refunding of securities of telephone companies to require F.C.C. approval.

6. Prohibit the abandonment of interstate lines by telephone companies without F.C.C. consent.

The report charged that the A. T. & T. Co. management controls prices of telephone apparatus and equipment purchased by its operating subsidiaries through its ownership of Western Electric and concluded:

"This control may be repugnant to the spirit of the anti-trust laws of the United States."

The Bell System's "active policy of cultivating public good will at considerable expense," was criticized by the investigators who said also that there is evidence that "improper influence" has been brought upon legislative and regulatory bodies charged with the duty of fixing rates for Bell System companies.

The National Negro Achievement Commission has indicated that the Negro exhibit will employ an average 100 persons for the duration of the Fair. The exhibit will become a permanent one.

Among the sponsors of the exhibit are J. Finley Wilson, exalted ruler of the Negro Elks, Miss Mary Bethune of the National Youth Administration, Miss Nan Burroughs, principal of Burroughs School in Washington, and the Honorable Robert W. Justice.

Congressman Arthur Mitchell from Chicago is expected to participate in the formal dedication of the Negro exhibit the first week in July.

Among the art treasures to be displayed will be a famous painting by the great Negro artist, H. O. Tanner, which will be loaned to the exhibit by Henry C. Kraft, executive secretary of the YMCA in Harlem.

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wood, president, State Industrial Union Council, CIO.

She said that more than 100,000 letters had been sent by parents to the Board calling for a delay while pressure was exerted for a special session. Marshall, in announcing the court decision, said action on the proposed budget would take place at the next meeting in two weeks.

The Board resolution calling on Governor Lehman to convene a special session charged that the Republican cuts "has compelled the Board to select between lowering the standards of the schools and eliminating valuable services to the children and the community."

"Selection of either alternative will seriously impair the school system and be to the detriment of the people," the resolution continued. Pointing out that the state constitution provides that educa-

## CIO Wins N. J. Aluminum Plant Poll

Victory Indicates Trend Since High Court Hit Hague

(Special to the Daily Worker)  
EDGEWATER, N. J., June 14.—The Congress for Industrial Organizations yesterday scored its most important National Labor Relations Board election victory in New Jersey when it won the Aluminum Company of America plant here by a vote of 787 against 580 for a company union.

The victory for unionism was greeted with a holiday-like demonstration, approximately 4,000 CIO and A. F. of L. members taking part. In this city the CIO and A. F. of L. unions, both strongly organized, are united in a joint council with unity their watchword.

A reported last minute attempt by the company organization to place itself under the A. F. of L. banner yesterday was rejected by Charles Jennings, A. F. of L. representative in New Jersey.

As soon as the tally was announced workers of the night shift gave full vent to their joy. The factory whistle was blown. Thousands outside, from the CIO's sugar and Archer-Daniels plants and the A. F. of L.'s Lever Brothers (Lifebuoy Soap) and Barret & Co. plants, from the day shift and other factories, were waiting for the news. The announcement released horn-blowing and cheers. A parade then formed with many cars in line.

Outstanding leader for the CIO victory is Louis Petrigli, International representative of the Aluminum Workers here.

On June 22nd another election will take place at the Alcoa, Tenn. plant of the Mellon-owned aluminum trust. The main Kensington, Pa. plant of the company is already under the CIO banner.

and Theatre Projects and other while collar occupations would be discrimination of the worst kind against a highly important group of citizens.

"In addition, the proposals of the Appropriations Committee would establish a starvation period for workers unable to get jobs after a certain period of time. The appropriation which is presented by the committee is completely inadequate and would cause a cut to practically half the present WPA enrollment."

Another far-reaching step was taken by the board in approving the recommendations of its Social Security Committee for a \$60 monthly pension plan for all needy persons over 60.

The board agreed to "undertake a national campaign in cooperation with old age and progressive groups to achieve a program of social security for our aged people upon the basis of a pension of \$60 per month at 60 years of age for individuals and \$80 per month for married couples of 60 years of age."

A resolution giving support to the bill introduced by Senator James M. Bland and Rep. Joe Starnes appropriating \$500,000,000 for PWA was also approved by the CIO leaders.

The CIO resolution said, "is economically a sound program" which "should be fully supported, provided that there be elimination of discrimination against CIO members in employment on PWA projects."

The CIO leaders passed a strong resolution taking "cognizance of a nation-wide campaign on the part of employers to discredit unions by telling young men and women that unions prevent the employment of youth in industry."

"This is simply a vicious attempt on the part of reactionary interests to absolve themselves of the blame because there are not jobs for young people," the CIO declared.

"The CIO is following a policy designed to create greater employment throughout the nation. It has endorsed apprenticeship provisions for young people. It has laid down its convention support of the proposals of the American Youth Congress."

"The committee recommends that the executive board give authorization to the committee to make an examination of this attack in detail and to prepare full recommendations for correcting the false impression of labor's attitude which has been spread by certain reactionary interests."

In another resolution of the youth issue, the CIO board expressed support of the NYA for its "youth service in behalf of the young people of this country." Approval of the full NYA appropriation of \$123,000,000, requested by the President, was asked.

At the same time the CIO went on record in support of the President's request of \$123,000,000 for the Farm Security Administration. Slashes in this amount "would be deeply resented by labor," the resolution said, "for the men and women helped by the Farm Security Administration are working people, and it is to labor's interest to see that the welfare of the farm population is properly protected."

The board protested to the Labor Department the choice of three representatives of the A. F. of L. to the convention of the International Labor Office in Geneva and none of the CIO. This action was termed "discriminatory."

At his press conference, Lewis had cited as one example of the "rule or ruin" policy of the A. F. of L. leaders their stand on the I.L.O. issue.

He revealed that the A. F. of L. had threatened to fight an appropriation for the I.L.O. which is now pending before the Senate Appropriations Committee unless all three representatives to the convention were members of the Federation.

## Mexico's Tribute to Sarabia



The final homage of Mexico to its famous aviator Francisco Sarabia in the plaza before the Mexico City Cathedral and the National Palace during the State funeral. Sarabia was killed when his plane plunged into the Potomac River, Washington, D. C., on a take-off to his country. The coffin rests on the catafalque in the lower center of the picture.

## AFL Leaders' Business Ties Block Unity--Lewis

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interests, too, would be hurt if unity were achieved.

He declared that he had narrated these facts to the assembled CIO leaders to show "why it was impossible to negotiate peace with such representatives as Rickett and Wolf."

The C. I. O. chief had no criticism of Daniel J. Tobin and Harry Bates, the other two peace negotiators.

Lewis declared that the executive board was agreed that peace was "secondary" at this time to the CIO objectives of achieving powerful industrial unions and improving working conditions.

"The consensus of opinion was that we should go forward with renewed vigor," he said.

Although peace negotiations which were initiated by President Roosevelt had bogged down several weeks ago as a result of the refusal of A. F. of L. leaders to take in even the original CIO unions with their former jurisdiction, Lewis' statement today put a formal end to the talks.

Lewis discussed the problem of peace after he had announced that the CIO will hold its next annual constitutional convention at San Francisco on Oct. 10.

The Mayor and the Chamber of Commerce of the city had formally requested the CIO to be the guests of San Francisco, Lewis said, and CIO Director Harry Bridges had extended the invitation of organized labor.

Earlier in the day, the CIO executive board had adopted a number of resolutions on WPA, NYA, PWA and other important legislative issues.

An attempt to wind up the conference tonight failed and the CIO heads agreed to continue their deliberations tomorrow morning.

The CIO board gave "full approval and support" to the Murray-Casey bills for a \$2,250,000,000 appropriation for work relief for the coming fiscal year.

"These bills are the only practical alternative to the vicious proposals of the House Appropriations Committee which would destroy the WPA," the board resolution said.

Bitterly attacking the Appropriations Committee, the CIO declared:

"Under the guise of limiting the size of projects done by the WPA, the Appropriations Committee actually would prevent the WPA from carrying on the vast majority of its current projects."

"The proposal to assign certain funds to the PWA is absolutely untenable. It would both stifle adequate PWA appropriations and also cut funds from WPA appropriations already too meager. The destruction of the WPA Arts

## WPA Faces Doom Under Relief Bill

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limited to \$25,000 which in the opinion of Col. F. C. Harrington, WPA Administrator, would "practically wreck" the construction program.

\$125,000,000 is earmarked for PWA thus cutting the relief program by that amount.

A three-man board is set up instead of an administrator with a proviso that no more than two of these shall be of one party thus making it practically obligatory that a Republican be appointed to one of the highest posts in the administration of WPA.

In an important blow at the wage standards of organized labor, the prevailing wage provision in WPA is eliminated.

A \$42,000,000 slice is taken from the National Youth Administration reducing the appropriation for NYA to \$81,000,000.

WPA workers who have been on the rolls for 18 months or more are to be arbitrarily fired. Approximately 30 per cent of all WPA workers fit into this category.

Several other New Deal agencies are slashed with \$3,000,000 sliced off the grant of the grant of the Porto Rico Reconstruction Administration, \$850,000,000 off the National Emergency Council, and \$240,000 off the National Resources Committee.

A strong drive is expected by New Deal congressmen backed by the CIO and the Workers Alliance to raise the size of the appropriation to the \$225,000,000 contained in the Murray Casey bill.

Specific issues on which liberal and New Deal Congressmen are expected to concentrate in their fight against the Tory economy bloc are the \$25,000 limitation on construction projects and the \$125,000,000 earmarked for PWA.

Rep. Woodrum, dubbed the Lord High Executioner of WPA by Rep. Vito Marcantonio of New York, led off the debate with a one-hour red-baiting, rip-roaring speech most of which was an attack on the Workers Alliance.

Woodrum was introduced by Chairman Edward T. Taylor of the Appropriations Committee. In an appropriate slip of the tongue as the "ranking minority" or Republican member.

"I desire to see an administration that will throw down the gauntlet of battle to these subversive organizations that are trying to control it," Woodrum said.

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**Mayor Spikes False Story of New Tax Levy**

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He said there was some doubt in his mind as to how the city could use the money made available by the state, whether the city could go ahead with a large building program based on expectation of future grants or whether it would be narrowed down to plan to build only on the basis of the immediate small grants.

He expressed preference to operating under the Federal battleship building method, whereby the keels for many ships are laid long before appropriations for all the ships are actually made, but future appropriations for the construction is assured.

"I am not clear whether I can take the amount allocated for New York City as a quota for this year or whether that is the limit for a given project," the Mayor said.

Under the new State Housing law the city must match the state subsidy dollar for dollar.

The \$166,000 state grant matched with an equal sum from the city treasury would give New York City \$332,000 to cover interest and amortization this year. This should provide for several million dollars in housing construction.

It is estimated that the present occupancy tax is bringing the city approximately \$500,000 a year and will provide for \$10,000,000 in housing construction to be started soon on the lower east side.

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**Berlin Incites Danzig Crisis, Poles Charge**

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ced," the Polish foreign office organ said, "because foreign public opinion already knows well that the factors created by the German Reich were what started the dangerous incidents in Danzig. It is clear to everybody that the Danzig trouble was the result of German propaganda."

**POLAND TELLS FRANCE OF NAZI TROOP MOVES**

PARIS, June 14 (UP).—Polish Ambassador Juliusz Lukasiewicz today informed the French government that Poland is apprehensive because of German Nazi troop concentrations along the Polish-Slovakian frontier, estimated in unofficial dispatches to number 250,000 men.

Lukasiewicz, in conference with French Foreign Minister Georges Bonnet, was quoted as saying that Poland is determined to meet any Nazi aggression along the Slovakian frontier with force and expects Britain and France to keep their promises to go to Poland's aid should war develop.

The 250,000 Nazi troops reported to be massing along Poland's frontier were said to be fortifying a 200 mile strip of the border.

The reported German troop movements caused great concern in Paris, Warsaw and London because, if true, they place Hitler's armies within an hour's striking distance of the great Polish Silesian industrial area in which the Warsaw government's most vital heavy arms industries are located.

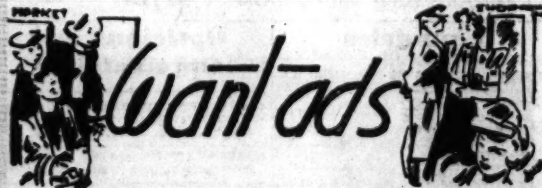
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### Tientsin Incidents, A War Menace to the U. S.

What is Japan's real aim in provoking trouble in Tientsin? To get the correct answer certain well-established facts should be kept in mind. This is no isolated incident, either in China or in connection with the fascist trio's world war plans. The Nipponese aggressor, balked by resistance of the heroic Chinese people, has turned to bullying the other powers with interests in the Far East, namely, Great Britain, France and the United States. But even these attempts were countered in Kulangsu (Amoy) and Shanghai.

Therefore, the Tokio fascists picked Tientsin as the easiest point of renewed attack.

Just before the Associated Press yesterday reported that the Chamberlain government was reconsidering refusal to hand over to the Japanese, four Chinese framed-up on charges of killing a Nipponese puppet, a London Foreign Office spokesman admitted that Japan had broader aims. He said the demand to turn over the four Chinese was "being used as a pretext for measures against the foreign concessions to give the Japanese economic and financial control."

Hence, for Chamberlain to capitulate to Japanese demands is to assist the Japanese extend the war in China.

In addition, a cable from London to the N. Y. Sun yesterday reported that Tokio was cooperating with Berlin, creating incidents to hamper a peace front and to help appeasement intrigues.

"Some sources," said this dispatch, "saw in the British-Japanese crisis evidence of Japanese-German teamwork, with the situation in the Far East used as a lever to pry British attention from completion of a mutual assistance pact among Britain, France and Soviet Russia."

Japan's war instigation in the Far East is definitely directed against the Philippines, against other American interests. Their menace to American security can not be overestimated.

Fortunately, this country has an immediate means of defense. The United States supplies Japan with 56 per cent of the war materials that the Far Eastern aggressor imports. The United States can halt Japan's war machine. For its own safety, it should do so immediately.

For the safety of their homes and families, the American people should demand that all war supplies from this country to Japan be stopped immediately.

Besides, the growing peril of Far Eastern events stresses more emphatically the need of revising Neutrality legislation away from isolationist pitfalls. The need for passage of the Bloom Bill, with an amendment distinguishing the aggressor from the victim, is now most eloquently attested to by the latest provocations of the Japanese aggressor.

### Minneapolis Starts a Comeback

The election returns from Minneapolis tell an exciting story.

When the Republicans, by false promises, won in November, the hired writers freely predicted that the Farmer-Labor Party "was dead." But yesterday the election news arrived that the Republican Mayor, Leach, managed to hold on to his office by a hair. "Never in my life have I seen the dead come back to life like the Farmer-Labor Party in the past two months," said the awed Mayor Leach as he watched the people go to the polls. Leach won against T. A. Eide, endorsed by Farmer-Labor and trade union forces, by a bare 7,250 votes out of 156,000 cast.

In short, it has taken only six months for the Farmer-Labor Party and the progressive citizens of Minneapolis to regroup their forces, and take the offensive again. Six months of Republican Tory reaction has roused widespread indignation. The smooth promises of the Republicans have been shattered. The whole country can learn a lesson from this progressive comeback.

The news is even more significant when it is considered that the Farmer-Labor Party probably could actually have won the election. It didn't win because the Trotskyites entrenched in the General Drivers Union cooperated with the Tories. The Trotskyites helped the Tories by fighting against the New Deal within the ranks of the progressives, by sabotaging unity of the progressive forces, and by permitting the Tories to smear the progressives with racketeering of the Trotskyite cliques in the unions.

A clean break with the wrecking Trotskyites and a bold united defense of the New Deal would have won the elections in Minneapolis and restored a progressive administration.

A real cleaning of these elements, and united action will truly confirm the frightened words of Mayor Leach, and bring victory in the next battle.

### A Program to Rally the Nation

The forthright address of John L. Lewis before the present session of the CIO Executive Board in Washington once more calls attention to the broad statesmanlike concern of the CIO for the welfare of the entire American people.

Take old-age pensions as an example. The Board's social security committee recommended a progressive old-age assistance plan providing \$60-a-month pensions for needy persons over 60 years of age. It would combine federal and state funds for payment of the pensions, supplementary allowances to wives, taxation on gifts and estates and other advanced features.

For labor to strike out in the leadership of the pension movement means the greatest good for the movement itself. It brings old-age pensions that much closer to reality. It strengthens the whole camp of progress, by taking the movement out of the hands of the anti-New Deal demagogues—particularly, the Republicans—who really aim to kill it. It is a tremendous boon to all organized labor, aiding the cause of labor unity, and bringing fresh and additional power to the camp of democracy. That means a lot as 1940 approaches.

Not only on old-age pensions, but on housing, jobs and other major issues, the CIO Executive Board is mapping a program of recovery around which all labor and the American people can rally. Its sessions will bear the sympathetic attention of the country.

### Mass Executions In Fascist Spain

Spain has fallen prey to a band of the most vicious assassins. All of the terrors invented for the German people by the hated Gestapo, Hitler's secret police, and by the fiendish Mussolini official gunmen, the OVRA, have been combined with Spanish Inquisition, to devastate the enslaved Spanish nation.

The Rome-Berlin axis stooge, the butcher Franco, has turned Spain into a vast slaughter pen.

Even the United Press yesterday reported the ghastly news that a victim of Spanish fascism is executed every nine minutes!

But this barely begins to reveal the whole truth.

More than 500,000 are in concentration camps being tried by the death-dealing courts-martial night and day. More arrests are made daily. At least 1,200,000 have been listed as "suspects."

The Spanish land, drenched by the blood shed for nearly 30 months by the fascist invaders is now the scene of more slaughters.

Humanity cannot remain unmoved or inactive in the face of these horrible executions.

Nor can the American people condone yesterday's Franco-aiding propaganda of the reactionary press. In a most distorted fashion, the N. Y. Herald Tribune and N. Y. Times played up an alleged torture incident supposed to have taken place under the Loyalist government. But the fact that the individual accused is a Franco agent who was helping the fascists murder defenders of democracy, is craftily concealed.

Instead of shouting the truth out to the world and expressing just indignation, the Tory press here is shielding Franco's savagery from the American people.

In the name of humanity, in the name of decency, in the name of democracy, the American government should make representations to the Franco regime against these bestial slaughters.

At the same time there should be no stinting of help to the Loyalist refugees in the French camps. Here numerous lives can be saved, because many of those who were forced to return to Franco Spain were soon executed. Your help to the refugees will aid greatly in rescuing many from Franco's killers.

### World-Telegram— School Wrecker

The New York World-Telegram turns to the parents, teachers, and school children of New York and says to them editorially—

It serves you right that the Real Estate sharks now want to slash \$84,000,000 from the school system and wreck it. You should not be so "intemperate" in complaining about the \$10,000,000 slash just engineered by the Republicans at Albany. Now you have aroused the tiger of reaction; he has tasted blood. He is roaring. Maybe you ought to take the \$10,000,000 slash in order to quiet him, and be glad he doesn't smash everything.

So argues the World-Telegram. It threatens the people and the teachers with an "investigation of the schools" if they don't accept the latest slash quietly. It concludes like a bully—the "ultimate results may make the present \$10,000,000 cut look like a mere trifle in comparison."

In short, the Republican slash is only an appetizer. If they can get away with this, the axe will swing again and again at America's free public school system. The World-Telegram can have all kinds of fancy school pages with trimmings and everything. But when the school teachers and the parents shell out their three cents for the World-Telegram they are financing the bitter enemies of their children.

### The Beast in the Classroom

by Ellis



An Editorial

## BIG BUSINESS HOGS THE NATIONAL INCOME

The National City Bank reports that the biggest Wall Street stockholders have been collecting dividends at the rate of \$10,000,000 a week since January of this year.

The dividend loot since January totals \$206,000,000 already—a 200 per cent increase over the first four months of 1938. Less than one-tenth of 1 per cent of the population is grabbing it—the rest of us are producing it.

It is therefore pretty difficult to shed any tears over the latest newspaper reports that dividends last year, 1938, showed a drop from \$5,400,000,000 of 1937 to a measly \$3,600,000,000, in 1938.

But it is rather serious that Secretary Hopkins reports that the national income in 1938 was 11 per cent lower than 1937; it dropped from 72 to 64 billion in one year.

Secretary Hopkins reports that the drop was heaviest in the manufacturing industries. But this is just where the sabotage of Big Business is greatest.

The picture is worth studying. In 1929, the national income reached 82 billion. During the first four years of crisis, up to 1933, during the Hoover regime, the average national income was \$56,000,000,000 a year. Since 1932 it has risen to an average of \$60,000,000,000 a year.

Looking at it another way: under Hoover in 1932, the national income was \$40,000,000,000 the depression low. After that, it rose every year up to the 1937 peak of 72 billion. But last year, the rise broke, and fell back to 64 billion.

If it had not been for two factors—the New Deal public works program and farm aid, as well as the successful efforts of the trade unions to stop any widespread wage cuts—the drop would have been much worse.

It is queer to read in the press that the wage level is too high in proportion to the total income. It is very true that wages are now higher relatively in relation to the whole income, since they have been maintained by labor's organization. But this is

one of the bright spots in the picture, one of the hopeful signs for recovery. Wage cuts would bring economic disaster to the nation.

But even with wages thus holding up compared to the Hoover wage-cutting days, it should not be forgotten that monopoly prices—particularly the high rents caused by the Building Trust—wear off a good deal of the benefits of increased buying power which should go to stimulate production. And the newspapers maintain a cold silence on the fact that 10,000,000 unemployed Americans are shut out of any chance to get some sort of income by the refusal of private industry to give them jobs. The payless envelopes of these 10,000,000 workers must be counted as a deduction from the wages of American labor, if any comparisons are to be made between Labor's income and Wall Street's profits.

The press is spreading the "high-wages" talk as preparation for another Hoover wage slashing party. But its talk about Wall Street being hit the hardest by the drop of national income is a terrific distortion of the facts.

Wall Street dividends dropped, it is true, from \$5,400,000,000 in 1937 to a measly \$3,600,000,000 (an enormous haul in any language). But Wall Street income is a COMBINATION of dividends, rents, bond interest and salaries. And bond interest remains at record-breaking levels, running at more than four billion a year. Not to speak of the Wall Street salaries of \$5,000 a week for "executives."

Even with a falling national income, the clique of Wall Street monopolies manages to hold on to a lion's share of the national income. And with this lion's share in its grip, Wall Street monopoly can keep billions as "idle dollars," blocking recovery.

Hence the key to reaching the \$80,000,000,000 level of national income lies in the triple-action program which includes the Government ownership of the Morgan-Rockefeller banks, the nationalization of the railroads, and a vast Housing program.

## Nazi Students Offend Maryland's Old Tradition of Religious Freedom

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sit on a provincial jury.

A Jew was among the first 200 settlers of Maryland who came to its shores in 1634 to seek a refuge from religious strife in England. He was Matthias da Sousa.

Da Sousa played a prominent role in the life of the early Maryland community. He attended the Provincial Assembly in 1641, only seven years after the founding of the colony, and later received appointments to office.

Other early Jewish colonists, many of whose descendants live in Maryland to this day, were Richard Abraham, Cornelius Abraham, Isaac Abraham, Solomon Abraham, Hester Cordes, Matthias da Costa, Ansel Israel, Solomon Lazear, Jacob Leah and Philip Salomon.

Religious liberty was a keynote of life in the colony, and Maryland was, in many degrees, more advanced even than Rhode Island. Though the colony was founded by Catholics, Protestant worship was

protected by the courts.

Lord Baltimore, in the first item of his instructions to the settlers who came in 1634 aboard the "Ark" and the "Dove," enjoined: "His Lordship requires his said Governor and Commissioners that in their voyage to Maryland that they be very careful to preserve unity and peace amongst all the passengers

### Ship Refugees May Eventually Go to Palestine

ROTTERDAM, June 14 (UP)—An arrangement is in prospect under which most of the 907 German Jewish refugees from the liner St. Louis may be permitted temporary residence in Palestine, with the prospect that it eventually may become permanent, usually well-informed sources said today.

Meanwhile, the refugees will be landed for the time being in the Netherlands, England, France and Belgium.

on Shipboard, and that they suffer no scandal nor offense to be given any of the Protestants. . . . And this to be observed at Land as well as at Sea."

The Act of 1649 concerning religion, though it still continued a few restrictions, was applied in practice with the greatest liberality. The oath required of the Maryland governor read: "I will make no differences of persons in conferring offices, favors or rewards for or in respect of religion, but merely as they shall be found faithful and well deserving and endowed with moral virtues and abilities. . . . My aim shall be public utility."

"Public utility" such as the Maryland governor vowed to defend is necessary more than ever today to protect the democratic achievements of the American people—in the first rank of which is religious liberty—against the onslaughts of the fascist-minded bigots who seek to implant a new and bloody Inquisition against progress in America.

## World Front

By  
HARRY GANNES

Tory Press Here Stresses  
Weird Tales, Distorts Facts,  
to Aid Franco's Execution Squad

Monstrously fantastic stories are sent out of nightmarish Spain dominated by the Rome-Berlin axis executioners, through their stooge, Inquisitor Franco, to conceal the wholesale executions.

Just as when Italian and German fascist bombers butchered tens of thousands of women and children in air raids on civilians, again today the American capitalist press lends its assistance to Franco to conceal the mass slaughters.

Only after months of ceaseless executions of supporters of democracy, the United Press finally on Tuesday released a story about Franco's regime executing a prisoner every nine minutes.

But on the following morning (Wednesday, June 14) the New York Times and the New York Herald Tribune sought to save Franco from the indignation of an outraged American people by printing the weirdest story of torture under the Loyalist government.

For instance, the New York Herald Tribune (which throughout the Rome-Berlin axis' conquest of Spain published the propaganda dispatches of the Franco regime as "news") on Wednesday printed the following headline over a story from Barcelona:

"Franco Court Told of Weird Cells Driving Prisoners Mad and Blind."

News of Franco's wholesale executions which put the Spanish Inquisition into the shade, are not mentioned.

More, the Herald Tribune doctored its "torture" story, sent out by the Associated Press, in order to justify Franco's barbarism and to stir up hatred against the Loyalist prisoners being murdered by Franco.

Neither in the Herald Tribune headlines, nor on its first page, is a word printed about the fact that the so-called Yugoslav architect accused of building the alleged cells was a member of Franco's Fifth Column, a spy of the Rome-Berlin axis.

Even the New York Times which under a small-type one-line head on an inside page, does print some of the details about the fact that this was a Franco agent, helps the Spanish fascists on its front page by publishing a whitewashing story by Franco's chief American publicity agent, William P. Carney.

Moreover, the Times, after it received Carney's cable (which was not published in earlier editions), cut out the original headline it had over the dispatch from Barcelona which had admitted that the alleged torturer "WAS IN FRANCO'S SERVICE."

Hence, the main effect of the Times' and Herald Tribune's stories on Wednesday was to try to cast odium on the heroic Loyalist victims of Franco, and to support the Gestapo's butchery in Spain. And they used for this purpose the tale of an admitted Franco agent who was working with the uncontrolled Anarchists who, in turn, were allied to the Trotskyite agents of Franco.

For here is what the Associated Press story says after prejudicing the reader with an eerie tale of torture:

"While serving as an agent of the counter-espionage service of Generalissimo Francisco Franco, he (Cik, the accused) related, he was arrested by the Republicans on May, 1937 (that is, when the Trotskyites started their uprising against the Popular Front Government in Barcelona—H. G.), was sent to a concentration camp and sentenced to death.

"Altogether, Cik testified, he was sentenced to death on twelve occasions under the Republican regime but he escaped and joined the Syndicalists. (There is no doubt that the uncontrollable Anarchists, who were fighting the Popular Front government, are meant here—H. G.) The Syndicalists, he said, forced him to paint the fantastic designs on the walls of the concrete cells. . . .

"Cik said he was arrested by the Republicans before he could carry out a plan to 'blow up' Republican secret police headquarters. He had built a subterranean mine and placed 240 pounds of dynamite in it, intending to ignite the explosive under cover of one of the (fascist) aerial bombardments of Barcelona, he declared."

And these fiendish deeds of a Franco agent are utilized by the reactionary press here to justify the slaughter-house actions of the 100 court-martials grinding out death sentences in Madrid alone. More than 46,000 persons have been condemned to death in Franco Spain. At least 35,000 have been executed already.

Above 500,000 are held in concentration camps, tried by Gestapo methods with no opportunity for appeal from death sentences.

More than 1,200,000 are on the "suspect" list, with Franco's dragnets filling the prisons and concentration camps as fast as the executioners empty them.

In all this, the monstrous distortions and pro-Franco propaganda in the American reactionary press helps the fascist slaughterers.

## Letters From Readers

'Somewhat Ironical'—

New York City.

Editor, Daily Worker:

President Roosevelt's letter of acceptance of General Winship's resignation as Governor of Puerto Rico published by most of the New York papers says, in part: "I am proud of the way in which you carried through this most arduous task (Puerto Rico's governorship) in the interest of the people of Puerto Rico."

When we think of the way General Winship "carried through" his task on occasions like October 23rd, 1935, at Rio Piedras—net result, 5 dead by Winship's police—and on March 21st, 1937, at Ponce—net result, 19 killed and over 100 wounded or maimed by Winship's police. We must feel inclined, out of respect for President Roosevelt's character to find his letter somewhat ironical.

J. ENAMORADO CUESTA.

Some Suggestions from  
The South—

Little Rock, Ark.

Editor, Daily Worker:

Let me say that every day in every way the Daily Worker is getting better—and maybe you will think this is old stuff, but it is something new to say about our paper.

However, I think the feature stories can be increased in number. The story about the child-mother in Peru is good. Also, I think that you could run some brief scientific stories that sound strange to us common old hoppers.

ARLEY WOODROW.



## Change the World

Americans Enjoy a  
Good Show Especially  
If It's a Free One

By MIKE GOLD

THE

isolationist Senators at Washington have announced they will issue another declaration soon after the King and Queen of England have finished the inspection of their former American colonies.

The Senators are courteous; they don't want to take a punch at timid guests inside the house of hospitality, but will wait, they say, until they are outside the door before starting the slugging and slander.

But the King and Queen, naturally, did not come here to see Niagara Falls or to study the etchings in the White House. They were ordered here by Chamberlain to foster "good-will," and thus to create an impression in England that the people of the United States approve of treacherous Chamberlain. It is a maneuver by a bankrupt politician, but I don't think it is going to win the next election for him.

To the American people, the King and Queen are merely a spectacular show, where the admission is amazingly free. They will certainly enjoy that show as much as they do of Sally Rand's or Billy Rose's flamboyant creations, where one has to pay cash.

Nobody rushes off, however, to propose marriage to Sally Rand after the spotlights dim and her nudes put on their clothes, nor do many people along Broadway admire Billy Rose as a human being or offer to die for him because he knows how to stage a million-dollar leg-show.

THE isolationist Senators are dragging a red herring across the trail of America's international problem. They are attempting to use the King and Queen as a pawn in their game as unscrupulously as does Chamberlain. What their declaration will be is obvious: they will tell us that the King and Queen have been sent here to persuade America to go to war to defend the British Empire.

But the Senators are not bold or honest enough to state the real problem of American security, which is: how can we keep fascist imperialism from swallowing up South America?

Last Sunday's New York Times contained a first-page dispatch that should alarm America more than the Austrian Maximilian's crowning as Emperor of Mexico alarmed Lincoln and his generation of Americans.

Bolivia is finally and completely a tool of the Rome-Berlin-Tokyo axis, the dispatch stated. Nazi Germany is constructing a huge modern air base there, its first on the continent. It has also acquired control of the Bolivian army and a monopoly of Bolivian oil and other raw materials.

While these isolationist Senators bewilder us with cheap demagoguery about the British Empire behind our backs, the Nazis win their first important victory against the security of America.

In France and other European nations it is an open secret that many legislators take Nazi money in return for preaching this fake neutrality and pacifism. It is part of the familiar Nazi strategy for confusing and betraying the democracies. No American senator, of course, could ever be bought by a foreign power. They are honest patriots, and slightly dumb. They only need to be fooled.

## Health Advice

Readers' questions will be offered to a doctor for reply. However, diagnosis of individual cases and prescription will not be attempted. When writing, please enclose stamped, self-addressed envelope.

### Progress and the

### American Medical Association

The stand of the ruling hierarchy of the A.M.A. has always been consistent on questions of public health and advances in public health projects. It has been consistently reactionary.

The A.M.A. officialdom has never been slow in pointing out the failure and inadequacy of each and every progressive step taken under government control, or by groups employing various types of health insurance schemes. It only grudgingly admits the value of such progressive plans when they are successful.

A pertinent instance is the comment printed in the April 1, 1939, issue of the Journal of the A.M.A.: "Syphilis in North Carolina."

"According to a recent press release from the North Carolina State Board of Health, 4,000 new cases of syphilis are being reported from that state each month as compared with 6,000 annually before the control campaign was launched. It is concluded therefore that the estimate of 300,000 cases of syphilis in the state made by the survey method was probably not exaggerated. Since the population of North Carolina is approximately 3,500,000, about 9 per cent of all the people in the state on the basis of this statement are syphilitic. Apparently also according to this release 48,000 new cases of syphilis develop each year and are actually reported. Irrefutable evidence of this startling conclusion should be offered before it is made."

### New Film at Cameo

"Amangeldy," a colorful saga of adventure and revolt on the steppes of Central Asia, will have its first American showing at the Cameo tonight. Made by the Lenfilm studio of Leningrad, the picture was produced with a native cast in the heart of the Asian Soviet Republic of Kazakhstan.

With the showing of "Amangeldy," the Cameo is putting into effect new summer prices, bringing the evening admission down to 40c on weekdays. Saturday, Sunday and holiday prices will be 25c to 2 P.M., 40c from 2 to 5; and 55c evenings.

### DOUBLE BILL AT TREMONT

The Tremont Theatre, Webster and Tremont Aves., has booked for three days starting today with "Let Us Live," with Henry Fonda, Paul Kelly and Ralph Bellamy plus "Ice Follies of 1939," starring Joan Crawford, James Stewart and Lewis Stone complete the bill.

### "NEVSKY" AT WORLD

The World Theatre, West 49th St., is now showing Sergei Eisenstein's "Alexander Nevsky" and "Crisis."

## Ludwig Renn, 'Writer Without a Country' Talks of Day When the People Will Win

Achieved Fame for His Novels on the World War Period

By Milton Meltzer

The Third American Writers Congress greeted Ludwig Renn with a standing ovation when he rose to speak of "The Writer Without a Country."

"We are not writers without any activity, for we are struggling against the gang that has occupied Germany, Italy, Austria and Czechoslovakia," said Renn to the assembled delegates. And it was because he has fought ceaselessly as writer and soldier with the forces of democracy and freedom against tyranny and fascism that the fine tribute was paid him.

Renn is a tall, thin man, quick-moving, with an easy laugh that makes you feel at home with him right away. He wanted to talk about what had been done to the military and civilian refugees from Spain in France. "You know it was in October of last year that we returned from the front and went up into the cold Pyrenees to wait for permission to cross into France. For five long months we waited there. It was a scandal. The French Government had put pressure upon the Loyalists to get the Internationalists out of Spain, and then they wouldn't let us into France, the only place we could go."

"Finally this February they let us across. I was sick, in high fever, and needed an ambulance to move me. On the other side of the border there was no hospital for us, and we were forced to stay in the open. No houses were allowed to take us in. The cold was so intense several children, left to sleep without clothing on the meadow, died that first night. The next day the brutal police forced us all, wounded and sick too, to march the long way to the concentration camp at Saint Cyprien."

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### French Reactionaries Betrayed Spain

"Our home was wet ground between sea and swamp, encircled by barbed wire. There were tents, but only for the use of police and French troops. We had to sleep in the open. The treatment by the Garde Mobile was very bad. A scandal arose when a French captain stole the camera of the German writer Theo Balk and took away the manuscript of his book. We protested so loudly he was forced to return the camera, but the MS was lost."

Why was the treatment so bad, I wanted to know. "Well," answered Renn, "the French officials claimed they hadn't counted on such a big crowd coming over the frontier, and they weren't prepared for us. But although we were about 100,000, a government and army so well organized as the French could have done much better. That excuse was absolutely false. The real reason was this: French reaction-

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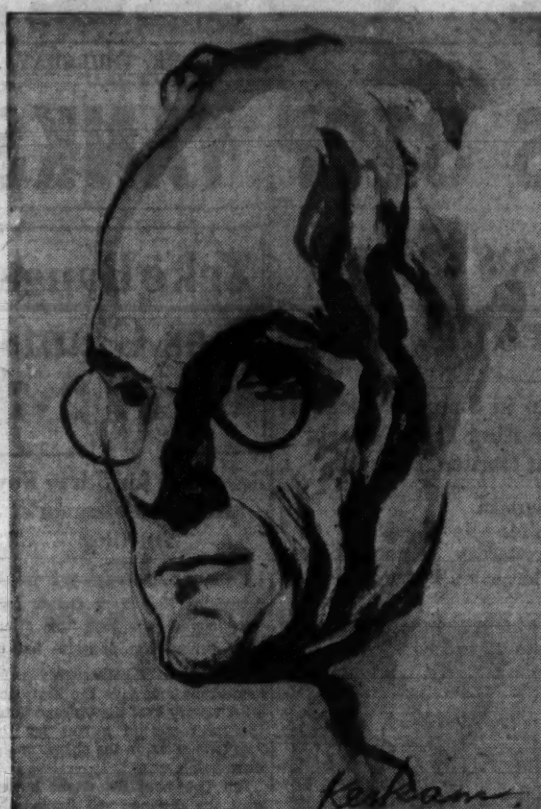
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Ludwig Renn

Gurs, in the low Pyrenees, and every national group is separated by barbed wire. There is so little room they cannot exercise, and so little water they cannot wash themselves or their clothing. They are filthy with lice. Three German writers, Theo Balk, Peter Kast and Hans Marchwitz, were arrested in Paris because they could not obtain papers to leave France, and they are shipped back to concentration camp."

Commander of Thaelmann Battalion

Ludwig Renn's fine record in Spain is a long one. He came in October, 1936, just after the war started, and remained there till February of this year, leaving for six months in the fall of 1937 to tour America for the Loyalists. He was commander of the Thaelmann Battalion, Chief of Staff of the 11th Brigade (the first International Brigade), and later took over the training of the officers of the 45th Division. He helped transform the undisciplined militia of the beginning of the war into an organized army. Erik and Klaus Mann, who visited Renn in Spain, said that the men of the 45th learned everything from him, "gunnery and history, bridge-building and manners. Before, they could hardly read and write, but through Renn they became interested in literature and philosophy, not only in military strategy."

When I asked Renn how he had first become a soldier, he told me his family had supplied many officers for the German army. "I was in the German officers' corps four years before the World War began. Throughout the war I fought at the front, and have a few nice scars to show for it."

It was in 1915, at the front, that Renn began writing the book that was to add "writer" to his list of accomplishments. When it was published in 1924, War made him a world-wide reputation within a few weeks. Germany alone bought 160,000 copies. Together with its sequel, After War, which came out

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The National Broadcasting Company has just issued a booklet explaining and outlining its program policies. This is all part of the present campaign to make some effort at self-regulation and house-cleaning to forestall any possible action by the Federal Communications Commission. Usually the stations have avoided

putting policies in writing and left their rules and restrictions to individual interpretation by their own officials.

The strict rules that NBC has laid down for their own conduct show very clearly that the complaints about censorship coming from the government are ill-founded. In fact, that the greatest part of radio censorship today comes from the nature of commercial radio is too often forgotten. Never forget that radio is a large scale profit making business. The reason for its existence is the fact that it sells goods and for its existence under the present set-up nothing must interfere with that process. Also, don't forget that it is one of the tightest monopolies in this country—a monopoly on the air we all breathe.

Most of the policies are good such on regulation of medical accounts and children's programs. But of course the fulfillment and interpretation of these noble resolutions is another thing and must be carefully watched. For example, item number 13: "When commentators or others engaged as talent

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